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**WACO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
ATTEMPTED MANUFACTURING OF METHAMPHETAMINE RESULTING IN EXPLOSION**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Waco, 33-year-old Eric Nathan Ivey of Waco, faces up to 20 years in federal prison after pleading guilty this morning to the attempted manufacture of methamphetamine.

According to court records, on June 3, 2005, Waco Police and Fire departments responded to the scene of fire at the defendant's residence. A subsequent investigation of the residence uncovered materials used in the manufacture of methamphetamine including a propane tank containing anhydrous ammonia, ether, melted blister packs and lithium battery packages. By pleading guilty, Ivey admitted that he was attempting to manufacture methamphetamine when an explosion occurred which not only severely damaged the residence but caused severe burns to the defendant's body.

Sentencing has been scheduled for July 31, 2008, at 1:00 p.m..

This case was investigated by the Waco Police Department Drug Enforcement Unit. It is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorneys Stephanie Smith-Burris and Mark Frazier.

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